IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASED 5.4% IN 1990; UP 3.0% IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 16, 1991--U.S. scheduled airline passenger traffic, supported by continuing strong growth in international service, increased 5.4 percent in 1990, and 3.0 percent in December, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air traffic in December, 1990 increased 0.5 percent. Available seat miles were up 1.4 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 58.3 percent, down from 58.8 percent for December, 1989. Passenger enplanements decreased 0.4 percent to 31.5 million.

In international service, traffic in December rose 11.0 percent, and available seat miles increased 10.0 percent. The load factor was 64.2 percent, compared with 63.7 percent for December, 1989. 3.1 million passengers were enplaned in December, up 1.6 percent from the same period last year. Lower international passenger statistics for November and December reflect the transfer of intra-German service to a foreign flag carrier.

For the year 1990, domestic traffic increased 2.2 percent, and available seat miles were up 5.5 percent. The load factor decreased from 62.4 percent in 1989 to 60.5 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 1.4 percent, with 399.0 million passengers.

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International traffic for 1990 was up 15.3 percent, and the available seat miles increased 11.0 percent. The load factor averaged 69.1 percent, up from 66.5 percent in 1989. The number of passengers increased 11.1 percent to 41.0 million.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1990 - 1989

	DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,604	31,463	(0.4)	393,552	398,953	1.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,810,708	25,945,879	0.5	318,870,654	325,976,471	2.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,898,588	44,507,516	1.4	510,716,697	538,612,877	5.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.8	58.3		62.4	60.5	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,041	3,089	1.6	36,869	40,960	11.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,054,481	8,939,038	11.0	101,005,856	116,490,884	15.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,649,833	13,913,844	10.0	151,982,341	168,635,395	11.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	63.7	64.2		66.5	69.1	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,645	34,552	(0.3)	430,421	439,913	2.2
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	33,865,189	34,884,917	3.0	419,876,510	442,467,355	5.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	56,548,421	58,421,360	3.3	662,699,038	707,248,272	6.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	59.9	59.7		63.4	62.6	

NOTE: HAWAIIAN DECEMBER NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

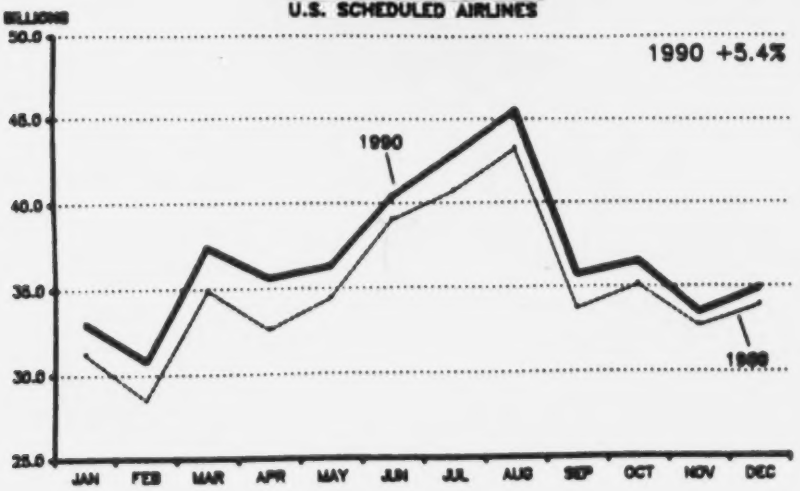
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,730,432	58,343,920	69.8	39,552
August	43,154,838	59,370,285	72.7	41,980
September	33,744,760	55,564,024	60.7	33,594
October	35,110,289	56,540,218	62.1	36,502
November	32,663,062	54,004,939	60.5	34,883
December	33,865,189	56,548,421	59.9	34,645
TOTAL 1989	419,876,510	662,699,038	63.4	430,421
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,977
September	35,642,258	59,182,555	60.2	34,259
October	36,542,692	60,601,410	60.3	36,739
November	33,524,169	56,886,055	58.9	34,545
December	34,884,917	58,421,360	59.7	34,552
TOTAL 1990	442,467,355	707,248,272	62.6	439,913

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
December	3.0	3.3	-0.3
Jan - December	5.4	6.7	2.2

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES